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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Stephen G. Dick

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005. Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: